

In the claims:

Cancel claims 9 and 10.

Amend claims 5 and 7 according to 37 CFR §1.121(c)(1) by replacing the existing claim with an amended claim as follows:

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5. (once amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the calcium chelating agents are selected from 4- (carboxymethyl) -2-(trimethylamino) pentane-1, 5-dicarboxylic acid, 2- (carboxymethyl) -1-(trimethylamino) butane-1, 4, dicarboxylic acid, 2-(carboxymethyl) -3-(trimethylamino) -butane-1, 4-dicarboxylic acid, ethane 1, 2-diamine N,N,N'N' tetra-acetic acid (EDTA), and sodium salts of such agents and the like polydentate ligands comprising organic chelating compounds modified by addition of or substitution with a solubilizing group, e.g. a quaternary ammonium group, which is soluble in acid pH ranges, especially remaining soluble below pH4.

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7. (once amended) A process according to claim 2 wherein the chelating agents include at least one of the following: 4-(carboxymethyl) -2-(trimethylamino) - pentane-1, 5-dicarboxylic acid, 2-(carboxymethyl) -2-(trimethylamino) butane-1, 4, dicarboxylic acid, 2-(carboxymethyl) -3-(trimethylamino) -butane-1, 4-dicarboxylic acid, and the like polydentate ligands comprising organic chelating compounds modified by addition of or substitution with a solubilising group, e.g. a quaternary ammonium group, which is soluble in acid pH ranges, especially remaining soluble below pH4.

Add new claims 11, 12 and 13 as follows:

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11. A method according to claim 1 wherein the calcium chelating agents are selected from 4-

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(carboxymethyl) -2-(trimethylamino) pentane-1, 5-dicarboxylic acid, 2-(carboxymethyl) -1-(trimethylamino) butane-1, 4, dicarboxylic acid, 2-(carboxymethyl) -3-(trimethylamino) -butane-1, 4-dicarboxylic acid, ethane 1, 2-diamine N,N,N'N' tetra-acetic acid (EDTA), and sodium salts of such agents and the like polydentate ligands comprising organic chelating compounds modified by addition of or substitution with a solubilizing group, e.g. a quaternary ammonium group, which is soluble in acid pH ranges, especially remaining soluble below pH4.

12. A method according to claim 11 wherein the chelating groups are selected from sulphonic and carboxylic groups.

13. A process according to claim 3 wherein the chelating agents include at least one of the following :4-(carboxymethyl) -2-(trimethylamino) - pentane-1, 5-dicarboxylic acid, 2-(carboxymethyl) -2-(trimethylamino) butane-1, 4, dicarboxylic acid, 2-(carboxymethyl) -3-(trimethylamino) -butane-1, 4-dicarboxylic acid, and the like polydentate ligands comprising organic chelating compounds modified by addition of or substitution with a solubilising group, e.g. a quaternary ammonium group, which is soluble in acid pH ranges, especially remaining soluble below pH4.